



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 17, 2019

Re: 2019-01-055

Ms. Gina Herb
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MuckRock News
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Email: 67097-67673629@requests.muckrock.com

Dear Ms. Herb:

This letter acknowledges your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted to Department of the Treasury, dated January 10, 2019. You seek, Email or other internal correspondences among senior Treasury Department staff - including Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin and his staffers Dan Kowalski, Shannon McGahn, Justin Muzinich and Craig Phillips regarding economic data (from the Commerce Department, other institutions without funding) not being released during the partial government shutdown. The date range should be Friday, Dec. 21, 2018 - Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019.

I have initiated a search within Departmental Offices (DO), for records that would be responsive to your request. I will make every effort to provide you with a timely response; however, please be advised that unusual circumstances exist regarding the search for and review of potentially responsive records. The unusual circumstances are due to the consultation required between two or more program offices and/or a search is expected to result in voluminous records and/or a search is required to be conducted for records stored in field offices or warehouses off site; therefore, an additional processing extension of (10) days is required to process your request. As with all FOIA requests, I invite you to consider contacting our office to discuss limiting the scope of your request which could significantly reduce the processing time of your request.

You may seek dispute resolution services from our Treasury FOIA Public Liaison by contacting Paul Levitan, Director, FOIA and Transparency at (202) 622-8098 or email FOIAPL@treasury.gov.

A FOIA Public Liaison is a supervisory official to whom FOIA requesters can raise questions or concerns about the agency's FOIA process. FOIA Public Liaisons can explain agency records, suggest agency offices that may have responsive records, provide an estimated date of completion, and discuss how to reformulate and/or reduce the scope of requests in order to minimize fees and expedite processing time.

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) also mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you wish to contact OGIS, you may contact the agency directly at the following address, emails, fax or telephone numbers:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
Email: ogis@nara.gov
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You may reach me via telephone at 202-622-0930, extension 2; or via email at FOIA@treasury.gov. Please reference the FOIA number at the top of this letter when contacting our office about this request.

Sincerely,

Cawana Pearson

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